

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : Sir, that is a matter of opinion.

President : I have not heard him.

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : The member asks if I think that it is necessary to have a road.

President : Yes, it is a matter of opinion.

*Construction of a building for the Municipal Council,
Padmanabhapuram.*

11. **Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai :** Will the Government be pleased to furnish information regarding the following points :

(a) whether there had been representations at the 24th to the 28th Sessions of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly on behalf of the Municipal Council, Padmanabhapuram, for the grant of a suitable site for the construction of a building for the Municipal Office ?

(b) whether the Government have decided to shift the Tuckalai Telephone Exchange Office from its present site to the Jail compound and, if so, when ;

(c) whether the necessary site for the purpose has been surrendered by the Commissioner of Police to the Chief Engineer, and if so, when ;

(d) whether they have decided to surrender the present Telephone Exchange site to the Municipal Council, Padmanabhapuram, for the construction of the Municipal Office, and, if so, when ;

(e) whether any orders have been issued to the Chief Engineer to take necessary steps for the early construction of the new building for the Tuckalai Telephone Exchange inside the Jail compound and to provide the necessary funds for the work in the preliminary budget for 1109 ;

(f) whether the Government have asked the Chief Engineer to forward to them the necessary plan and estimate for the construction of a Section and Telephone Office in the Jail compound ; and

(g) whether any provision has been made for the construction of the Section and Telephone Office at Tuckalai during the year 1110 ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott ; (a) Yes.

(b) Yes, when the new building is completed.

(c) Yes, on 15-11-1933/30-3-1109.

(d) Yes, after the new building is completed.

(e) Yes.

(f) Yes.

(g) No.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : May I know from the member whether the construction of the new building has been started or not.

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : No.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : May I know when Government proposes to take up that work

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : When funds are available.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : May I know whether there was an order by the previous Dewan that necessary funds would be provided in the budget of 1110 from the department?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : If the member will give me notice, I will get him the necessary answer.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : May I know whether steps will be taken to expedite the surrender of the proposed site to the Municipality?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : I am afraid we cannot give up that building until we have a new building to take its place.

Agreement with the X-ray expert.

12. ***Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether there was any agreement between them and the present X-ray expert before he was entertained in the service, and if so, what are its terms ; and

(b) whether the agreement has been renewed, if so, when, and what are the new terms and what was the necessity for such a renewal?

Mr. James Simpson : (a) There was no agreement. The offer of his services was accepted by Government on the following conditions —

(i) That he should proceed to England and obtain a Diploma in Medical Radiology and Electrology in Cambridge or London and that, after qualification, he should visit and see the practical working of the Electro-Therapeutic Departments in the various London Hospitals for a period of three months at his own expense.

(ii) That on return from England after taking the Diploma and acquiring the practical experience as stated above, he would be appointed as an Assistant Surgeon on the minimum pay in the existing cadre.

(iii) That an allowance of Rs. 75 per mensem, would also be given him for the special work he was to do in addition to his